

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): **OR115-03-07**

2. Project Name: DISTRICT WIDE ILLEGAL DUMP AND OCCUPANCY CLEANUP

3. County: Jackson & Josephine

4. Project Sponsor: Britney Shull and Norm Sease

5. Date: 05-06-2002

6. Sponsors Phone # (541)618-2327 and (541)618-2423

7. Sponsor's E-mail: bshull@or.blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

Dispersed throughout all four Resource Areas within the Medford Bureau of Land Management District

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): specific to dump site

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): specific to dump site

c. Legal Location: *fluctuates depending on site*

Township 31S to 41S Range 11W to 4E Section(s) *fluctuates depending on site*

d. BLM District Medford District

e. BLM Resource Areas Butte Falls/
Ashland/ Glendale/ Grants Pass

f. National Forest N/A

g. Forest Service District N/A

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Every year each resource spends approximately \$10,000 or more on contracting out removal of illegal dump sites. In the past week, the Butte Falls Resource Area has received four local concerns and locations of new dump sites on BLM public land. Time is becoming an issue, for BLM employees, when trying to keep up with their regular job duties and taking on increasing public and dump site demands.

Public and private lands in the rural interface have seen dramatic increases in illegal dumping and unauthorized residential occupancy for several years. The potential threat to public exposure of hazardous substances, unsightly trash, and abandoned vehicles needs to be addressed on a regular and continuing basis. Illegal occupants on Federal lands do not allow citizens access, and create unsightly, potentially hazardous, and unhealthful conditions to the public and environment. The Medford District has several unauthorized occupants utilizing BLM managed land, living under the guise of the mining laws. Approximately thirty such occupancies are located within the district. In addition several abandoned mine sites exist within the Medford District that pose special and unknown hazards to the public and environment.

The **goal** of this project is to develop a long term solution to recurring dump sites and unauthorized occupancy of Bureau of Land Management Land, through regular consistent cleanup and monitoring procedures. This program will directly benefit federal lands and community members.

The **objectives** of this project are to:

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1) Create a full time position dedicated to identifying and cleaning up illegal dump sites throughout the Medford District; 2) Purchase a self loading dump truck capable of reaching and picking up solid waste on differing terrains; and 3) Involve the community members, such as Citizen Watch public support groups.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

This project consists of developing a long term solution to resolve illegal dumping, unauthorized occupancy and use cases on public lands, within the Medford District. This annual project would save 5310 funds that are currently being used to fund a portion of illegal dumping and residential occupancy case loads.

FY 2003:

- Hire full time employee to coordinate and resolve the illegal dumping program.
- Purchase a self loading dump truck capable of reaching and picking up solid waste on differing terrain types.
- Identify areas of chronic dumping and determine management options for resolution.
- Make preliminary contact with communities and other agencies to find concerns and develop partnerships.
- Identify AML opportunities and unauthorized occupancy cases for resolution in the out years.
- Develop public affairs plan to educate the public about the project.
- Regularly update and monitor success of program by keeping detailed records, photographs, and maps.

FY 2004-2007

- Pay annual salary of full time dump/cleanup coordinator.
- Resolution of 5-7 residential occupancies annually.
- Continued isolated/scattered dump cleanup.
- Develop written plans and partnerships for the resolution of the areas of chronic dumps.
- Begin physical steps for closure of roads and cleanup of dump sites.
- Create and maintain detection plans at all chronic dumping areas.
- Continue to work with local communities in the establishment of solid waste transfer stations and recycling stations.
- Regularly update and monitor success of program by keeping detailed records, photographs, and maps.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, then describe.

This is part of a comprehensive illegal dump and occupancy cleanup, that has been developed by the Butte Falls Resource Area, for the Medford Bureau of Land Management. Currently, BLM deputies, National Forest Service deputies, Jackson County Sheriff, and Josephine County Sheriff, are cooperatively patrolling private and public lands. Bowen Creek Dump site was our most current clean-up project that required a joint work force from the Oregon National Guard, BLM deputies, local contractors, and the Forest Service.

In addition to these groups, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Rogue

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Transfer and Recycling, and other local businesses have aided in Rogue Valley illegal dump and occupancy removal.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☒ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☒ Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] ☐ Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☒ Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] ☒ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☒ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): rebuilding fencing and installing lock gates [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☒ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] ☒ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
- ☒ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] ☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- ☒ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] ☐ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
- ☐ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]
- ☒ Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: solid and hazardous waste removal

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

- a. Total Acres: 210 acres (to be restored) b. Total Miles: fluctuates
- c. No. Structures: 0 d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): N/A
- e. No. of Laborer Days: 750 days over a four year period
- f. Other (specify): educating public through passive interaction

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: on going project 2006

16. Target Species Benefitted (if applicable) : Public and private lands, ecosystems, species and community members will benefit from this project.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)] Cooperative relationships among people using federal lands will improve, by creating safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing public land opportunities, while educating the public.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

This project is in the best public interest, because it will: **a)** Improve visitor experience in the use of public lands, by managing and restoring lands and monitoring unauthorized use. **b)** Educate communities and public members, by making them aware of problems associated with unauthorized dumping, including hazardous materials. (Actively sharing information about cleanup costs will make public aware of the extensive problem and allow increased support for the project.) **c)** Create a deterrent from future occupancy and dumping, by cleaning up chronic occupancy trespass and dump sites. **d)** Mitigate the

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threat and release of hazardous waste to the public and environment. e) Provide opportunities for citizens within our community to participate in neighborhood watch programs, which will have a positive effect in rural neighborhoods. f) Benefit the public and environment by cleaning up abandoned mining sites and minimizing safety hazards and/or the release of unknown hazardous materials.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

This project benefits federal lands and resources by eliminating potential hazardous waste, illegal dumping, and unauthorized occupation of public land.

20. Status of Project Planning

- a. NEPA Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No b. If No, give est. date of completion: **N/A**
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- e. Survey & Manage Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not
Applicable
- i. Project Design(s) Completed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

- ☒ Contract ☒ Federal Workforce
☒ County Workforce ☐ Volunteers
☒ Other (specify): Full time employee to coordinate and resolve illegal dump program

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No *possibility for abandoned vehicles to generate income*

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$550,000

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, then display by fiscal year

c. FY02 Request: \$ N/A f. FY05 Request: \$110,000
d. FY03 Request: \$220,000 g. FY06 Request: \$110,000
e. FY04 Request: \$110,000

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contribution s [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				

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28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost	\$50,000	FY03 \$48,000 FY04-06 \$144,000		
32. Materials & Supplies		FY03 \$20,000 FY04-06 \$180,000		
33. Monitoring	\$2,000	FY03 \$2,000 FY04-06 \$6,000		
34. Other-equipment		FY03 \$150,000		
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$52,000	\$550,000	\$ ----	\$ ----

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] **Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Detailed record keeping and maps will be updated regularly, by the project lead dump/cleanup coordinator. These records will show site success and recurring dump sites, which will determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological outcome. Public interaction and communication will be used to measures and evaluate the program's success.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth job programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] **Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The project would contribute towards local employment opportunities by contracting work out to the Job Corps, Youth Corps, Oregon National Guard, and various local businesses. The Oregon National Guard, on May 11th and 12th of this year, utilized the Bowen Creek Dump site cleanup as a training opportunity and brought out a group of about 25 individuals. Evaluation of the project would be determined by the number of work days

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performed in the execution of the contract agreement. Monitoring of this program will be the responsibility of the project lead dump/cleanup coordinator.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Cleaning up private and public lands from illegal dumping of solid and hazardous waste will create a safe environment for community members and restore National Forest System lands. Progress of site cleanups will be photographed, evaluated, and publicized, by the project lead dump/cleanup coordinator, which will reflect added value and use of existing sites. Contractors and local businesses will gain value from the removal of vehicles, which will bring jobs and income into the valley.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: \$10,000